



# Jim Wells County 4-H Connection

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## Another 4-H Angel

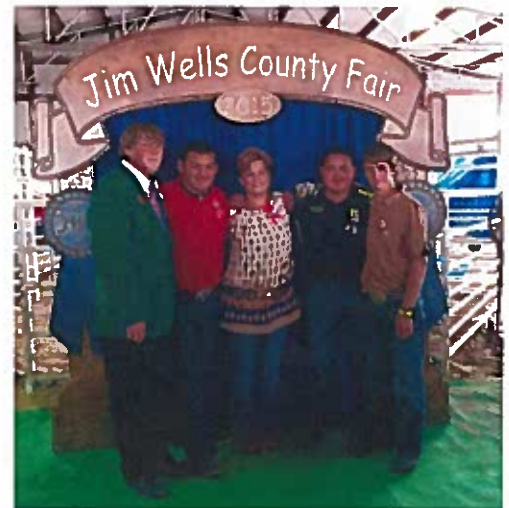
Howdy 4-H Families,

On August 14, Jim Wells County 4-H gained another 4-H angel when we lost 4-H alum and a young man that was near and dear to many of us with the passing of Isaac Salinas at the young age of 19. I am still in shock as Isaac still would stop by the office or my house and visit when he was in town. Even stopping by the County Food Show last year when he drove in from college. A piece of my heart went to heaven with Isaac as he was a very special young man with a smile that lit up a room. As many of you know, the Fab 4 (David, Isaac, Buddy, and Logan) were at many 4-H events and activities for several years. With the different 4-H activities going on throughout the year and all over the state, I get to know so many of these kids and families on our road trips and each holds a special place in my heart. Please continue to hold a special place in your thoughts and prayers for Bonnie and Charlie Salinas.

If you have any project questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension Office.

Sincerely,

Barbie Wymore  
County Extension Agent—4-H  
Jim Wells County



## Project of the Month—Foods and Nutrition

Everyone that cooks needs to know the safe internal cooking temperatures of that food because this will kill harmful bacteria.

Beef, pork, veal and lamb—145 degrees F

Eggs and Egg Dishes—160 degrees F

Leftovers & casseroles—165 degrees F

Ground Meats—160 degrees F

Poultry—165 degrees F

Fin Fish - 145 degrees F

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## Congratulations!

Taylor Gunn was selected for the 2017-18 Texas 4-H Technology Team and Kyleigh Carr was selected to serve on the 2017-18 Texas 4-H Clothing and Textiles Advisory Board. Congratulations on your leadership Taylor and Kyleigh!

## Heifer Validations for Major Livestock Shows

4-H and FFA Heifer Exhibitors who will be exhibiting at the major livestock shows, we need a count to order UIN's for the heifers by Friday, September 15 (validation fees will be collected on October 16. Validation fees will be \$20 and will be conducted on Monday, October 16th, from 4-6 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. You will need to bring your original papers with you for us to scan or you can scan the papers in color and email to

b-wymore@tamu.edu. All heifers that will be shown at majors must be brought to validations but if the heifers have already been validated for majors in their show career, they will not need to be revalidated. Please get all of your registration papers in process for the heifers now so that you will have them by the validation date of October 16th.

## Jim Wells County Fair Scholarships

Attention Seniors, Class of 2018.....please make sure that you pick-up a set of scholarship applications from your 4-H Club Manager or the County Extension Office. Scholarships available are: Virginia Starr Scholarship, John L Williams Memorial Scholarship, and the Jim Wells County Fair Scholarship.

## "4-H....Dream Big"

### 4-H 101/201 Workshop

Due to Hurricane Harvey, we had to re-schedule "4-H...Dream Big" 4-H 101/201 Workshop. We will now be hosting the workshop on Saturday, September 16 at Coastal Bend College in Alice beginning at 8:15. There are various sessions that will be led by 4-H'ers and 4-H leaders on different projects and activities in 4-H. This workshop is meant to expose both the new 4-H families, as well as the seasoned 4-H families to these opportunities. There will be something for everyone and 4-H'ers can go to one session and parents another without any worries. Adults and youth need to RSVP by calling the County Extension Office by Wednesday, September 13, and letting us know which sessions you would like to attend. A flyer is attached in the newsletter.

## State 4-H Record Book Results

Congratulations to the 4-H'ers whose record books advanced to the state level. Record books help 4-H'ers keep all of their records in one place which also comes in handy when filling out any kind of scholarship. Results are:

### Senior

Elise Hesseltine, Natural Resources, 4th Place

Erin Gallagher, Rabbit, 11th Place

Kyleigh Carr, Foods and Nutrition, 7th Place

Taylor Gunn, Horse, 9th Place

Rachel Gallagher, Gardening/Horticulture, 7th Place

## National 4-H Week—October 1-7





## Annual 4-H Enrollment for 2017-18

We kicked off the 2017-2018 4-H year on August 15 on 4-H Connect, along with our 4-H Open House, and 4-H club meetings in August. 4-H'ers and leaders will need to re-enroll in 4-H at this time as the enrollment status will no longer state "Active" but go to "Inactive." The website is: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4hconnect/index.html> You will need to login to your account and update your profile information. If a family is new and has not created a 4-H family profile, they must complete one. When registering, 4-H'ers will be required to pay a \$20 membership fee and this fee will be paid online on 4-H Connect. The fee must be paid by credit card.

The only way that we will have a record of a youth being a 4-H member in Jim Wells County is by the completion of the enrollment process on-line. **Enrollments need to be completed by September 15 for those showing in the Fair.** If a youth is not enrolled, we can not check grades or eligibility; therefore, can not show as a 4-H member. The September 15 deadline includes all 4-H'ers showing livestock projects, home economics projects, shop projects, and those participating in the Queen's Contest.

Jim Wells County 4-H parents or adults who serve as leaders or club managers must also enroll at this time. Also, any adult who has interaction with 4-H'ers, including checking 4-H'ers projects, coaching 4-H youth or providing assistance with the club or project activities must enroll as a 4-H leader and go thru the 4-H background screening. Adults will pay a \$10 fee and this will be used for volunteer screening.

Please log in to your family profile and check the status of the enrollment. I have approved everyone on 4-H Connect at the time the newsletter was sent out. The key is that enrollment status must have ACTIVE for youth and leaders.

## One Day 4-H

Nine years ago the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program created a day of service for 4-H members across Texas. One Day 4-H has reached hundreds of thousands of Texas residents as well involved more than 125,000 4-H youth and volunteers in service projects during those years. Countless funds and resources have been raised and donated - enriching the lives of many Texans and instilling community pride and citizenship into the 4-H members.



On Sunday, October 1, County Council would like to kick-off National 4-H Week with also a One Day 4-H Project. The event will take place at the Home Economics Building at the Fairgrounds at 2:00. All Jim Wells County 4-H'ers are invited to bring childrens books and also large printed puzzle or word search books (for elderly). On that Sunday, 4-H'ers will be making book marks to include in each of the books. Books will be donated locally, within the county.

Clubs and individuals can still get involved and do their own projects as well on the One Day 4-H which is actually Saturday, October 7. .

## Jim Wells County 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge



The Jim Wells County 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge will be held the last week of September with the Food Challenge being on Wednesday, September 27th and Food Show on Saturday, September 30. Clover Kids are welcome to participate in Food Show and Food Challenge. This year's theme is "Fresh From the Farm." This theme allows 4-H'ers to increase their knowledge of where food originates and the importance of agriculture and farming. It also will give you the opportunity to explore many aspects of food processing, physical activity, and the value of agriculture. 4-H'ers need to keep this in mind when selecting their recipe and not just select any recipe.

The categories will be based on My Plate: protein, fruits and vegetables, grains, and dairy. Many foods can be entered into more than one category; therefore, participants should consult the website [www.choosemyplate.gov](http://www.choosemyplate.gov) when selecting a recipe category.

For the County Food Show, 4-H'ers will fill out the enclosed entry form and submit a recipe. The entry fee for Food Show is \$5. Food Show categories are: Protein, Fruits and Vegetables, Dairy, and Grains. 4-H'ers make their dish and are judged by a panel of judges on their knowledge of their dish, other nutritional knowledge, and how they prepared their dish. 4-H'ers must also explain how their recipe fits with the theme "Fresh From The Farm."

The Food Challenge allows teams of 3-5 4-H'ers to be creative in making a dish using a set of given ingredients in a 40 minute time frame. 4-H'ers must then give a team presentation on the dish created, cost analysis, nutrients, and food safety. One entry form with all team members will be completed for a Food Challenge team and the team must be complete with no changes once it is turned in to the Extension Office. The entry fee is \$5 per person on the team. Age divisions for food challenge are: junior/intermediate, 3rd grade to 8th grade and senior, 9th grade to 12th grade. Teams who would like to check out the Food Challenge Boxes to practice, please contact the County Extension Office.



There will be a Foods Workshop on Sunday, September 17, from 1:30-4 p.m. at the Merchant's Building at the Fairgrounds. This will not be just any foods workshop but will include "Grocery Stores Wars." In order to participate, you must be at the Merchant's Building at the beginning of the workshop and not be late. We will have a lot of fun and learn all about the foods and nutrition project. If you plan on attending, you must RSVP by Thursday, September 14, to the Extension Office. This workshop takes planning so only those that RSVP will be allowed to participate in Grocery Stores Wars.

The Food Show and Food Challenge entry deadline is Thursday, September 21. The entry forms are enclosed in the newsletter. There is a \$5 registration fee per Food Show entry and a \$5 per person Food Challenge Entry fee. Recipes for Food Show need to be emailed to [b-wymore@tamu.edu](mailto:b-wymore@tamu.edu). Recipes must be re-typed in the message of an email (no pictures of the recipe, pdf of recipe or graphic of recipe) and must be received by 5:00 on September 21st. The Food Challenge entry form must be signed by all members before it will be accepted as a completed entry.

## Jim Wells

### County 4-H Steak Dinner

During the September 4-H Club meetings, 4-H'ers will receive 4-H steak dinner



fundraising tickets. Tickets are \$15 each.

**ALL 4-H families are asked to sell a book of 5 tickets.** The only way to sell them is by picking the tickets up from the club managers. Keep in mind that this fundraiser assists with Jim Wells County 4-H program. Please work hard at selling those tickets as this fundraiser helps to fund the entire Jim Wells County 4-H program.

The steak dinner will still be held on the Thursday of the Fair and remember ALL of the steaks are cooked fresh on site, steaks are not pre-cooked.

The steak dinner will be a 10 ounce steak, large baked potato, salad, bread, and tea. It is still the best meal at the fair by far and I would say at any fundraiser around. Tickets will need to be turned in to your club managers by Sunday, October 15. Any unsold tickets, ticket stubs and money must be turned in by this date. Lost tickets or washed tickets must be paid for by the person signing out for the tickets.

### Major Show Swine Validation Tags

If you will be exhibiting swine at the major livestock shows, the deadline to order state swine validation tags is September 22. Tags are \$20.00 each and must be pre-paid. Please remember the new policy for ordering tags. Tags ordered after the 22th will be \$35 each. Projects that will be exhibiting as part of Jim Wells County 4-H, need to be ordered by the deadline thru the Extension Office.

### Jim Wells County 4-H T-Shirts

Jim Wells County 4-H Council designed this year's 2017-18 Jim Wells County 4-H T-shirts. Orders for the t-shirts will be taken until Tuesday, September 26. This year's t-shirts will be teal with black and white graphics. This year's theme for all events is "If you can Dream It, you can do it" by Walt Disney. T-shirts are \$15 and must be ordered at the Extension Office. Youth sizes (youth medium thru XL) and adult sizes (small thru XL—\$1.50 for each additional X) are available.

### Consumer Decision Making

When you go Christmas shopping, are you familiar with the products you are buying? Good consumers become familiar with the products, prices, and standards of quality for the products they are purchasing. By doing so, consumers get the most for their money.

Consumer Decision Making gives 4-H'ers the opportunity to make wise decisions when shopping by comparing products based on what they have learned. Based on a given scenario, 4-H'ers compare 4 products and place them from the best product to the worst in that situation. The skills 4-H'ers learn in this project, they will use throughout their lifetime. The products 4-H'ers must study is limited but classes have not been released yet.

The District 12 4-H Contest for CDM will be held on Sunday, November 19 in Alice. Practices will be held on September 18, October 5 and 11, and November 1, 7, and 13.

4-H'ers interested in participating in the Consumer Decision Making Contest, please call the Extension Office by Friday, September 15.

## Clovers of the Month—September

**Austin Chapa**—Austin is involved in the Premont Cactus 4-H Club. He is active in consumer education, healthy lifestyles, swine, foods and nutrition, leadership, and archery. Austin took part in the Jim Wells County 4-H Traveling Clovers trip this summer to New York and had a great experience. He has made lots of friends thru his 4-H experiences and while meeting them has learned about other 4-H opportunities that he wants to try. Austin is also active in his school where he graduated as Valedictorian of his 8th grade class at Falfurrias Jr. High. Smart and a good leader, now that is a fantastic combination.



**Sebi Chapa**—Sebi is involved in the Premont Cactus 4-H Club. This was Sebi's first year to complete a record book and compete at State 4-H Round-Up. He is active in archery, foods and nutrition, healthy lifestyles, goat, and community service. He has that infectious laugh with a positive attitude. As we finished up at State 4-H Round-Up contest, Sebi said, "Ok when do we start studying for next year." Sebi also is active with the Premont High School Mariachi Band where he loves to sing and perform.

Congratulations to Austin and Sebi on their September Clover of the Month.

## Fall Paper Clover Campaign at TSC

October 4-15 marks the Fall Paper Clover Campaign at our local Tractor Supply Company. Each club is asked to pick a day to work at TSC selling Paper Clovers. Please call Mary and let her know what day and time the club would like to work by September 18th . Brooks County also assists with this campaign so we do not want too many at the same time since there are plenty of days.

During the September 4-H club meetings, clubs are asked discuss and vote on a day and time to work and sell Paper Clovers (4 hour shift after school or on the weekend and let 4-H'ers sell clovers for an hour at a time). Ann at the Alice TSC usually puts together a basket and all 4-H'ers who come help out will have their name put in hat to win the basket. A portion of the Paper Clover Campaign actually falls during National 4-H Week this year.

## Showmanship Clinics

Do you need some practice or help with showmanship and getting ready for 2017 Jim Wells County Fair? There will be showmanship clinics on Saturday, September 23rd at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds for cattle, sheep, goat, and swine exhibitors. Registration will be at 9:00 a.m. with the showmanship clinic and practices following at 9:30. Cattle, sheep and goat exhibitors will need to bring their projects. Swine exhibitors are asked to just come to the clinic without their projects. If you have any questions, please call Rogelio at the County Extension Office.



### 2019 Jim Wells County 4-H Traveling Clovers

Yes...2019 is correct. 4-H'ers who may be interested in being part of the 2019 Jim Wells County 4-H Traveling Clovers, the first meeting will be held on Sunday, October 1, at 5:30 p.m. at the Home Economics Building at the Fairgrounds. The group has taken educational trips to New York City (2017, 2013, 2009, 2007), California and California Coastline (2015, 2008, 2006), Washington DC, Philadelphia, Virginia (2011), Washington DC and NYC (2005).

There are guidelines that the group follows because this is not all fun, it is educational and requires work. There are contracts that must be followed each year the group starts up.

4-H'ers must be at least 11 years of age in order to participate and travel with the group. This is a 2 year commitment and once contracts are signed, there are no refunds. Youth must be members of Jim Wells County 4-H. This is the first organizational meeting for this group. If you have any interest in being part of the Jim Wells County 4-H Traveling Clovers, you will need to be at this organizational meeting.

### 2016-17 Jim Wells County 4-H Outstanding Award Recipients

The 2016-17 Jim Wells County 4-H Outstanding Awards were presented at the Annual Awards Banquet in August. Congratulations to all of the Outstanding Award recipients:

Outstanding Junior Awards—Kinleigh Carr and Rayegan Lane

Outstanding Intermediate Awards—Trevor Martinez and Emily Kalinec

“I Dare You” Awards—Mason Blanchette and Avery Mata

Silver Star Award—Makayla Rodriguez

Outstanding Senior Awards—Rachel Gallagher and Gabriella Olvera

Gold Star Awards—Ryan Lopez and Taylor Gunn

Hall of Fame Awards—Elise Hesseltine and Kyleigh Carr

Rising Star Award—Erin Gallagher

Friend of 4-H Award—Anissa Valverde

Homero and Clem Contreras Memorial

“Helping Hands” Award—Bruce Healy

Congratulations to all of our award winners.

### 4-H Council Spirit Stick

Congratulations to the Orange Grove Country Kids 4-H Club for receiving the Spirit Stick at the August County Council meeting.

The club won the Spirit Stick for having the most participation at the meeting. Stay tuned to see what club receives the Spirit Stick for September.



### In Support of the 4-H Club Motto:

**“To Make the Best Better”**

#### I Pledge

My Head to Clearer Thinking

My Heart to Greater Loyalty

My Hands to Larger Service

And My Health to Better Living

For my club, my Community, my Country and my world.

**Jim Wells County 4-H Food Challenge  
Team Entry Form  
Entry Deadline—September 21st at 5:00 p.m.  
Entry Fee is \$5 per person**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member #4: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member #5: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

We acknowledge that once entry is turned into the County Extension Office, no changes can be made to the entry, even in the case of ineligibility due to grades. Our team is complete and these are the team members and team name for our team.

Signature—Team Member #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature—Team Member #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature—Team Member #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature—Team Member #4: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature—Team Member #5: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Only one entry form per team and teams must have 3- 5 team members. Form must be signed by all members prior to turning it in to the Extension Office.**

**Jim Wells County 4-H Food Show  
Entry Form**

**Entry Deadline—Including registration fee(\$5) and recipe is due by September 21st at 5:00 p.m.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Recipe: \_\_\_\_\_ (Recipe must be attached and emailed in the body of an email, no photos of recipes)

Recipes must be emailed to [b-wymore@tamu.edu](mailto:b-wymore@tamu.edu) by September 21 at 5:00 p.m.. Recipes must be re-typed into the message of an email and not a picture, graphic, or cut and pasted from another website.

Category (Select One):

- Protein
- Fruits & Vegetables
- Grains
- Dairy

Age Division (Select One):

- Clover Kids (Grades K-2)
- Junior (Grades 3-5)
- Intermediate (Grades 6-8)
- Senior (Grades 9-12)

\_\_\_\_\_ This entry is complete with entry form, registration fee, and recipe.

**(Signature of 4-H'er and Parent)**





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## Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Program



### Coach's Certification Workshop

**September 23-24, 2017 – Carrizo Springs, Texas**

The Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Program has scheduled a workshop just for **you**. Volunteers with an interest in working with youth to help them develop personal responsibility and other life skills can become trained and certified coaches within the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports program by attending this workshop. In addition to teaching valuable life skills, coaches work with youth to teach good marksmanship, the safe and responsible use of firearms, conservation ethics, and more.

The workshop is conducted by nationally certified instructors and provides in-depth training on working with youth through the shooting sports program. Coaches can become certified in Archery, Shotgun, Pistol, or Rifle. *Participate as: Adult Coach (21 yrs. +), Asst. Coach (18-20yrs), Youth Asst. Coach (14-18yrs). Restrictions apply.*

For more information about other workshops, calendar of events and other information about 4-H Shooting Sports in Texas, visit the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program online at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports>

**Registration: Opens – Sep. 1 and Closes Sep. 12**

*(call for late registration...restrictions apply)*

**Registration Fee: Candidates \$150 per person by Sep. 12**

**Location: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – Carrizo Springs, Texas**

*Dimmit County Conference Center*

*539 Industrial Blvd., Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834*

**Registration fees cover program costs, training materials, some meals, shirt, and certification credentials.**

**Contact:**

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**Register on 4-H Connect**

<http://texas.4honline.com>

*In order to register, you must be a Registered/Screened/Approved 4-H Volunteer on 4-H Connect. Contact your county Extension agent for assistance.*

*If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Luis Saldaña at 956-968-5581 by September 15<sup>th</sup>*

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